**Theoretical Framework**

Every human life is a tapestry made up of colorful threads representing success, happiness, and good fortune but also dark threads representing hardships, set-backs, and difficulties. In order to accurately understand the complete picture of an individual, all of these facets of their life must be viewed since each event has played a part in shaping the personality and character of the person.

Like others before me, I will continue to express Lucille Ball’s success in her career; however I will also express her downfalls and how these hardships contributed to her success. A theoretical framework will be presented in this paper to consider the impact that misfortunes have in shaping an individual’s philosophy on life. An appropriate approach to this includes an examination of both major and minor events in the individual’s life, an evaluation of the individual’s personal thoughts and experiences, and a speculation as to how those events influence the person.